



Tuesday 22 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of our new Reception Children

I am writing to you to clarify some of the reasons as to why we have chosen to make some changes to the uniform worn by our Reception children from September. I would like to thank the parents who have taken the time to get in touch with us to express their views regarding this change.

Firstly, I would like to reassure you that the change to the Reception uniform is not a decision that we have taken lightly. It is based on what we feel are the best needs of the children in our Reception classes and has been based on some ongoing issues that the Early Years staff have had with regards to the current uniform arrangements over many years.

Firstly, from researching types of uniform used in Reception in other schools, it is clear that the new style of uniform is something that is used by many different settings across the country. By design, the new uniform will be more comfortable for the children, much easier to put on and take off and less distracting for them to wear. Children spend most of their days being very active and moving around the setting, outside and playing – often on the floor.

The new uniform will serve to better help the children to dress and undress independently which is a key aspect of the Early Years' curriculum. It would also save an awful lot of time for staff in helping children with their uniform. This is also an important consideration due to the current concerns around Covid, where adults are advised to keep their distance from children as much as possible. With the current uniform, for a significant number of children regular ongoing assistance is needed after using the toilet and when changing to and from PE. Although we currently wear our PE kits to school for the full day on PE days, there is no guarantee that this will continue as we head into next year.

Many children start school not having the fine motor skills needed to do up buttons on our more formal school shirts and need ongoing adult support when putting these on and taking them off.

Occasionally, children will have toileting accidents in Reception, but some of these occur because they cannot undo buttons and zips on trousers quickly enough. Having joggers instead would reduce these incidents and save embarrassment for the children.

We are currently awaiting an order of the new uniform to arrive so that we can take some pictures of this to show you. I am sorry that this was not in place ready to share with you in the welcome pack. In the meantime, please [click here](#) to view an almost identical uniform that is used by another school that is currently shared on their website. I hope this will reassure you that the new uniform for Reception will balance looking smart alongside being as practical as possible for the demands of the EYFS curriculum.



I am very sorry to hear that some of you have already placed orders for, or have already purchased this year's uniform from our supplier YourSchoolUniform.com. Please do note that Yourschooluniform.com have a free returns policy should this be necessary and will be happy to swap any items that have already been purchased. Postage paid returns labels should be included with any order. Please do contact them for further details.

It is our expectation that all reception children wear the new uniform from September. As always, there is the option for children to wear our summer uniform which is the option of a summer dress / shorts as appropriate during Terms 1, 5 and 6. Further information about our uniform is available on [our website](#). We will update this with photos of our new Reception uniform in the next few weeks so that you can see for yourself how this will look.

I thank you all for your support and understanding with regards to this matter. We are really looking forward to meeting you and your child in September.

With very best wishes

Mr Rob Hackett  
Headteacher